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Cc: Burns, Francis[Burns.Fran@epa.gov]; Wright, Dave[Wright.Dave@epa.gov]
From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Sun 1/12/2014 10:30:19 PM
Subject: Re: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Attending presser in Govs office at the moment. Will update afterward.

From: Casillas, Laura
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2014 5:26:04 PM
To: Ferrell, Mark
Cc: Burns, Francis; Wright, Dave
Subject: RE: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Mark,

Don't think I'll make it out--once in planning you get stuck. Hopefully.

I am finishing a concept of operations plan (CONOPS) that I would like to add you to as our congressional liaison point of contact. Take a look at it when you get it, once its final feel free to use it to answer questions related to epa's role etc.

I think anything else you can do would be to try to make our ops briefings, sort of serve as our eyes and ears for the public information needs--if you see somewhere we should be sharing information publicly please let us know. I still need to check in with Dave and Fran and our official PIO to shake hands on a strategy, but I think what you're doing fits right in. Thanks!

FYI-fran/dave.

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From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2014 6:14 PM
To: Casillas, Laura
Subject: RE: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Thanks Laura, yes please add me and I'll pitch in and help since I know a lot of the local media. Let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist. Do you expect to be on the ground here at some point?

Mark

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From: Casillas, Laura

Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2014 6:09 PM
To: Ferrell, Mark
Subject: RE: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

I am an on-scene coordinator who made the mistake of going to the office on Friday :) Based in philly. Let me know how much you'd like to be involved beyond your usual, I'm building out structure now trying to get the heat off the guys in the field.

Site is www.epaosc.org/charlestonWVchemicalleak
You'll need to request a password when you first log on.

It is administered by an OSC for the site, but we have others added to it to help contribute during the response. I've been posting for Matlock and Melissa so they can go to bed a couple of hours earlier. The site is great because when foias come in all our info is already up there.

Do you want me to add you so you may add news links to our collection?

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From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2014 6:04 PM
To: Casillas, Laura
Subject: RE: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Laura, I am the OSCR liaison to West Virginia, and I live here in Charleston where the spill happened. Media is no longer my role (I was formerly a press secy for a member on the Hill) but sometimes I cant help myself. Thanks for reaching out. Can you send me a link to the page you referenced? Also, what is your position? I'm happy to help if I can.

~Mark

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From: Casillas, Laura
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2014 5:49 PM
To: Ferrell, Mark
Cc: Burns, Francis
Subject: RE: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Hi Mark!

Sorry we haven't had a chance to meet yet. Thanks for the heads up on public info stuff--I posted a document full of links to our epaosc.net page--do you think you can help us consolidate press info on there? I can add you to our list.

Also, I really apologize for not knowing your background/position--would you be someone we could tap into to keep track of public information, social media, or any other useful tools and to advise us on the best ways to get our information out? I was about to task a CIC to do that, but you seem to be very aware.

Just curious and thanks!

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From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2014 10:09 AM
To: Garvin, Shawn; Linden, melissa; Burns, Francis; R3 HOTSITES
Subject: Re: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Link to video of Friday evening press conference by Freedom Industries president Gary Southern, which has drawn some local criticism.

<http://tinyurl.com/kot4zxl>

From: Garvin, Shawn
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 9:56:20 PM
To: Linden, melissa; Ferrell, Mark; Burns, Francis; R3 HOTSITES
Subject: Re: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Melissa - Thanks. Let me know if you need anything.

Shawn

From: Linden, melissa
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 9:54:40 PM
To: Garvin, Shawn; Ferrell, Mark; Burns, Francis; R3 HOTSITES
Subject: Re: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

The list of products stored in the tanks at this facility are raw glycerin and finished glycerin (which just has water added); Calcium Chloride at concentrations of 28%, 35%, 38%; Lignin; MCHM (product that leaked); RDC 777 (will find out what is in this product tomorrow) and a tank of weak salt. (taken from the

Etowah River Terminal Inventory Status Report dated January 10, 2014 at 08:23, given to me by the facility) _____

From: Garvin, Shawn

Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 9:52:50 PM

To: Ferrell, Mark; Burns, Francis; R3 HOTSITES

Subject: Re: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Thx. Do we have information on what are in the 14 tanks?

From: Ferrell, Mark

Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 9:31:19 PM

To: Burns, Francis; R3 HOTSITES

Subject: Re: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Late this evening (Friday) West Virginia DEP ordered Freedom Enterprises Inc to begin removing all the chemicals in the 14 above-ground storage tanks at the Elk River spill site within 24 hours. Materials in 3 tanks have already been removed. Freedom must submit a plan to clean up contaminated soil and groundwater before the weekend is over.

From: Burns, Francis

Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 8:54:42 PM

To: R3 HOTSITES

Subject: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

This afternoon there was a chemical spill from Freedom Industries, which is the old Pennzoil Refinery. The spilled chemical was methylcyclohexane, which is used in coal preparation and processing. Spill into the ELK River occurred sometime earlier in the day and there was an early report of an odor. The Gov of WV declared a state of emergency for at least five counties. The Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant detected the chemical even after the increased carbon treatment effort.

WV issued an order to not drink cook or bathe in the water, which affects approximately 100,000 people. WV is conducting additional water sampling. The Civil Support Team is also deployed to the WVEOC to assist in supplying water to residents. The WV EOC is operational but have not requested EPA assistance. OSC Dennis Matlock has contacted WV DEP Mike Dorsey and offered EPA assistance.

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